

WORKS BE RESUMED ON A BIG EDIFICE

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TO BE COMPLETED BY BISHOP LOUGHLIN
—PLANS AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

While the subject of building a second cathedral in this city is engrossing public attention after it had been allowed to slumber for a number of years, the completion of the first Brooklyn cathedral is contemplated. An extraordinary condition of affairs in relation to the cathedral in the Protestant Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches exists in the two dioceses. In the Diocese of New-York the Catholic cathedral of St. Patrick has been built for several years, and the Episcopal edifice is only projected. The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island has a cathedral at Garden City, through the munificence of Mrs. Stewart, but the Catholic edifice now in use is no more than a parish church, and only the foundation of the great structure to be built have been laid. That portion of the work which is now in progress ten years ago, and the speedy completion of our chapel building was suspended, while attention was given to erecting new churches and schools and caring for the other interests of the diocese over which Bishop Loughlin has provided for a third of a century. But he is growing old and desires to see the new cathedral completed before his life work is over. For the last four years a fine episcopal residence has been in process of erection on a portion of the cathedral property. The work upon it is now rapidly being completed. As soon as it is done the clerk of the mason's trowel will be again heard, and the grass-grown walls of the cathedral proper, and the stately structure which will rise in the air in accordance with the plans prepared a score of years ago.

The site for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, as it has been designated, is the block bounded by Lafayette, Clermont, Greene and Vanderbilt ayes. It is on the rising ground of "the Hill," and is in the centre of the most desirable portion of one of the most important sections of the city. As the lot upon which the block was purchased by the Bishop for \$75,000, and its value to-day is many times as great. The plans for a great sacred edifice were prepared, and in June, 1865, the laying of the foundations was begun. Three years later the corner stone was formally laid with imposing ceremonial. Cardinal McCloskey preached the sermon in the presence of fully 20,000 persons, and among the dignitaries present were five bishops and seventy-five priests. In the succeeding eleven years the walls were built to the height of a dozen feet, and St. John's Chapel, in the rear of the main edifice and facing on Clermont-ave, was completed and opened for worship. Nothing but money for its completion has been added since that time. In the meantime the new house for the Bishop has been built at a cost of about \$100,000. The entire cost of the cathedral property when the work is done will not be far from \$2,000,000. It will take a number of years to finish the building and make it ready for use.

When completed the Immaculate Conception Cathedral will be a stately and imposing edifice. It will be of the early French Gothic architecture of the thirteenth century, with rich ornamentation. The front upon Lafayette-ave, will be 160 feet, and the depth of the edifice will be 354 feet. Towers rising 350 feet and 50 feet square at the base will flank the front and the main entrance. The main tower will be 234 feet in length and the transept 160 feet. The breadth of the nave and aisles will be ninety-eight feet, and the nave roof will be 112 feet from the street level, while the nave and transept ceilings will be eighty-five feet from the floor, and the aisle ceilings fifty-five feet. The transept towers will be 1-5 feet high. The nave will terminate in an apse under which the altar will stand. The sanctuary will be 54 by 85 feet. The aisle ends will be 24 feet wide and the transept ends 16 feet. The nave will be finished with the two large capitals at the rear of the cathedral proper. The walls will be built of blue granite in broken ashlar courses. The interior trimmings will be of white granite, with oolite and freestone and gray breccia stone, and the floor will be of red Scotch granite. The ceiling will be of open woodwork in oak, covered with slate without. Hexagonal tiles will be laid on the floor, and the walls will be of red granite and slabs of walnut. The interior decorations will be rich and splendid. The pillars supporting the nave and transept will be of red granite, and the chancel will contain carved niches and triforium-arcades, finished in gold and color. The large windows will be of stained glass, and the

will be filled with scenes in the life of St. Patrick and a portrait of him. The five chancel windows will contain representations of the annunciation, nativity, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Christ. The rose window will depict St. Columba and an angelic choir, and the remaining windows will be filled with appropriate subjects. No pains or expense will be spared to make the edifice as beautiful and complete as possible. The best modern devices

For heating, lighting and ventilation will be adopted. The church will be capable of holding about 400 persons, and will be situated in a locality that will furnish edifice in the country will be equal to the borough cathedral in completeness or beauty when it is finished. All that remains to be accomplished is to erect a series of arcades, with pointed, tracery windows, pinnacles and gabled chapels, and fine statuary can do to beauty and adorn the interior. The church will be a masterpiece of art. Europe have contributed to the ideas to be embodied in this architectural triumph.

St. John's Chapel, the only part of the cathedral foundation completed, is built in harmony with the design of the main edifice. It is to be 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 30 feet high. It is to be of black granite and has five freescos. The windows represent scenes in the lives of Christ and St. John. The chapel is to be finished with a vaulted ceiling. The main fronting on Vanderkiste Ave. At Clermont and Greene ayes, the episcopal residence has been built opposite the Protestant church. It is a fine building of granite and substantial-looking structure of granite and sufficiently commodious to accommodate the staff of priests to be connected with the cathedral. It is to be a fine building in the form of an L, and is three stories high.

which the building contains thirty-eight rooms, is to be devoted to the use of the bishop and his household. The main entrance is designed to be used as a parlor, reception room and offices. Beneath is a large dining room, and the kitchen. The second floor contains the suites of rooms which Bishop Loughlin and Vear General Keegan will occupy in a short time, and on the third floor is devoted to the bishop's library, and at the rear are five more bedrooms. The servants' quarters are on the fourth floor. The main entrance to the bishop's house is on Montemoreau, but there is a side entrance on Commerce, for the priests to be housed in the building. The main entrance on Commerce is adorned with polished granite columns, and the doors are of solid oak. The main entrance on Montemoreau is made of marble and is lighted by stained glass windows. The woodwork is of oak, mahogany and cherry. The building is finished with the finest materials and is a substantial manner. There will be little for show but everything for use in it. Early in the winter Bishop Loughlin will move into the new house, and Vear General Keegan, and it will thenceforth be the centre of the diocese. Work will then be pushed forward upon the cathedral, which is completed and ready for consecration by the bishop.

"The money, is for I only wish it had and then there would be no need to interrupt the work from going forward until it is finished."

The Roman satisfaction is felt among the members of the Roman Catholic church in Brooklyn, who are represented by over fifty parishes, in the prospect of the resumption of work upon the cathedral in a few years. A

new impetus will be given to all forms of diocesan work when the bishop transfers his headquarters from his modest quarters in the city to the new cathedral in 1907. When Vice-General Kewen goes to the Bishop's new house a new pastor will have to be assigned to the church of the Assumption in the city, with which he has been connected for thirty-four years. 20 steps in the matter have yet been taken.

A MISSING GOLD CERTIFICATE.

Max Gabriel, of No. 160 East One hundred and eighth st., in the Harlem Court yesterday swore that between April 15 and 25 he handed Emanuel Ullman, of J. Ullman & Co, brokers and bankers, of No. 165 Mercer st., a \$1,000 gold certificate. Gabriel says he left it with the firm on deposit, but it was never returned. He is now in the city and has been searched

The chess tournament at Columbia College has been narrowed to two players, Hines '91 and Breckenridge, S. of L. The final game for the first place will be played to-morrow evening. Stillaker, '89, Jacobus '90, and Villaverde '98, will contend with the one who is defeated in this game, for the second prize. The round will be played Thursday night.